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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

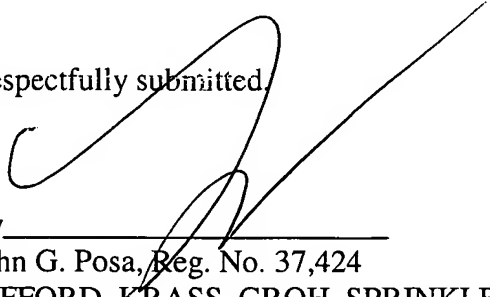
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 12, 2006, Applicant hereby elects Group II, "species" A and Z with traverse. Both independent claims are generic and searching the different embodiments is not "burdensome" because all involve cemented disc replacements. All pending claims read on the election.

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